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SUBJECT: POLISH CREW VISAS FOR PAN AMERICAN CREWS

1. WITH INAUGURATION IN LATE MAY OF DAILY PAN AM FLIGHTS TO WARSAW, NUMBER OF VISAS PAN AMERICAN HAS HAD TO REQUEST VIA EXCEPTIONAL VISA PROCEDURE FOR CREW MEMBERS WITHOUT REGULAR POLISH CREW VISAS HAS GROWN. WHILE MFA HAS BEEN WILLING THUS FAR TO GRANT VISAS UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT IN WARSAW, THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT MFA FEELS NUMBER OF REQUESTS BECOMING EXCESSIVE.

2. DURING RECENT MEETING, THE DIRECTOR OF MFA, CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT INFORMED EMBOFF THAT, SINCE EXCEPTIONAL PROCEDURE WAS DESIGNED FOR LIMITED USE I. E., TO BE EXTENDED ONLY ONCE TO ANY PARTICULAR PAN AM EMPLOYEE, MFA HAS AUTHORIZED POLISH EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES IN WESTERN EUROPE TO ISSUE SINGLE ENTRY VISAS TO PAN AM REPLACEMENT CREW MEMBERS WITHOUT HAVING TO REFER CASES TO MFA. PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE IN WARSAW WAS INFORMED OF THIS PROCEDURE AND HE IN TURN PASSED INFO TO APPROPRIATE PAN AM OFFICES. EXPERIENCE SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, INDICATES THAT SINGLE-ENTRY VISA PROCEDURE MAY BE OF LIMITED VALUE BECAUSE FLIGHT PATTERNS ASSIGNED TO PAN AM CREW MEMBERS OFTEN DOES NOT ALLOW FOR VISAS APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS OF POLISH CONSULAR OFFICES.

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3. SINCE ALL CURRENT PAN AM FLIGHTS TO WARSAW ARE

TURN-AROUND FLIGHTS (CREW DOES NOT EVEN LEAVE AIRPORT, USUALLY WAITING IN TRANSIT AREA), EMBASSY SENT NOTE TO MFA INQUIRING WHETHER PAN AM CREWS ON TURN-AROUND FLIGHTS WERE REQUIRED TO HAVE REGULAR POLISH CREW VISAS. WHILE WRITTEN MFA NOTE IN REPLY CONFIRMED THAT CREW VISAS WERE REQUIRED FOR TURN-ROUND CREWS, MINISTRY OFFICIAL, IN INFORMAL ORAL EXCHANGE WITH EMBOFF, INDICATED THAT THIS BEING DONE IN NAME OF RECIPROCITY. POSSIBILITY EXISTS, THEREFORE, THAT MFA WOULD WAIVE VISA REQUIREMENT FOR TURN-AROUND PAN AM CREWS IF SAME PRIVILEGE WERE EXTENDED TO POLISH AIR CREWS IN U.S. WHILE IT IS CLEAR FROM PREVIOUS EXCHANGE OF CABLES (WARSAW 5978 OF 10/1/74 AND STATE 218993 OF 10/5/74) THAT PROVISIONS OF IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT (INA) PRECLUDE WAIVER OF GENERAL VISA REQUIREMENT, IT IS NOT CLEAR TO EMBASSY HOW PROVISIONS OF INA APPLY TO NON-AMERICAN CREW MEMBERS OF AIRCRAFT ARRIVING ON EITHER TURN-ROUND FLIGHTS (DEPART ON SAME AIRCRAFT WITHIN MATTER OF FEW HOURS) OR OTHER TEMPORARY STOP-OVERS (E.G. REFUELING). IF, IN SUCH INSTANCES, NON-AMERICAN CREW MEMBERS ARE NOT INSPECTED BY INS AND THEREFORE MAY NOT REQUIRE VISAS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME FORM OF UNDERSTANDING COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH GOP WHICH WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF ALLOWING PAN AM CREW MEMBERS ON TURN-AROUND FLIGHTS TO ARRIVE WITHOUT POLISH CREW VISAS. BEFORE RAISING MATTER WITH MFA, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S OPINION IF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS POSSIBLE UNDER PROVISIONS OF INA, AND IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER DEPARTMENT HAS ANY OBJECTIONS TO MAKING SUCH A PROPOSAL TO THE MFA.

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